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INTERNAL SECURITY IN NORTH EASTERN REGION 0
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the internal security of each State in the North East Region is severely affected by the regional insurgency and divisive outlawed organisation with the help of some foreign powers and their agencies ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the steps taken to curb such activities ;

(d) whether every killing kidnapping arsoning of the houses in the villagers by the militants of the outlawed organisation is targeted against the democratic people and their leaders give upper hand to the miscreants and creating danger of ethnic divisions and tensions ;

(e) if so, the proposals received from the States Government for help ; and

(f) the decision taken thereon ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI I.D. SWAMI)
(a) and (b): Militant activities in Manipur and Tripura have shown an increase inrecent past. The situation in rest of the North East, including Assam and Nagaland, has shown a distinct improvement.
There are reports that some of the North-Eastern militant groups have developed trans-border linkages in Bangladesh, Myannmar and Bhutan. Pak ISI has also been active in fomenting trouble in the North East.
(c): Steps taken by the Government to combat militancy in the North East include, interalia, deployment of Central Para Military Forces and Army; improved coordination and sharing of intelligence between the security forces; modernisation/upgradation of State Police forces; reimbursement of security related expenditure; sanction of Special Central Assistance to the State Governments; declaration of the most seriously affected areas as `disturbed areas` and notification of the major insurgent groups as unlawful associations`.
The situation is also kept under watch and is reviewed from time to time for taking appropriate action.
Our security concerns, including illegal migration, cross-border movements and cross-border crimes, have been taken up with the neighbouring countries at appropriate levels.
(d): Activities of militant groups operating in North East are, at times, aimed at creating ethnic divisions and tensions.
(e) and (f): Proposals for assistance are received for reimbursement of security related expenditure; modernisation of State police forces; modernisation of prison administration; rehabilitation of surrendered militants etc. These are examined under the relevant schemes and assistance, as admissible, provided.
Proposal for deployment of additional Central Para Military Forces/Army are also received and considered, subject to overall availability.